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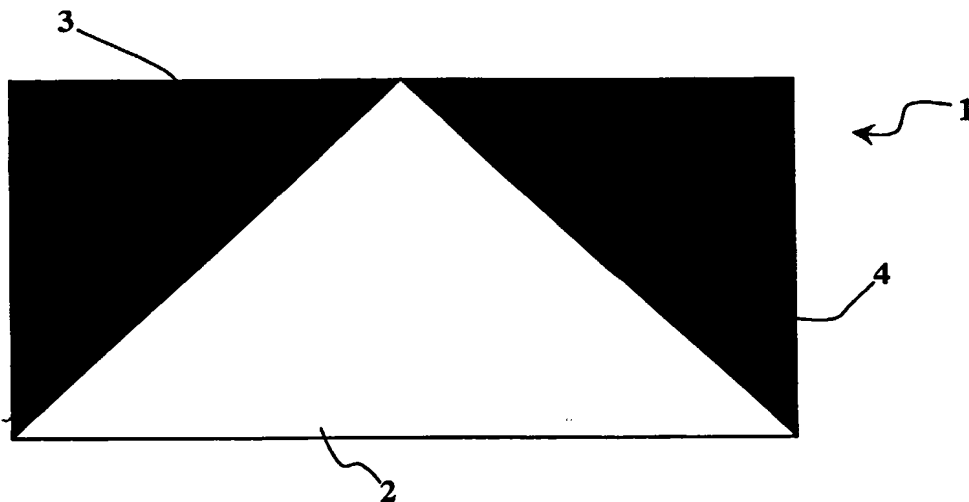
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(57) Abstract: A fastener (1) for holding together a group (7) of documents comprises a foldable sheet of, for example, paper divided into at least one anchor portion (2) and at least one tab portion (3, 4). Attachment means such as repositionable adhesive provide for attachment of those portions to at least the first and last documents of the group upon being folded around an edge of the group. To assist with this, the sheet is marked with at least one fold line to be aligned with at least one edge of the group upon attachment of the anchor portion to the first document in the group, prior to folding the tab portion around that edge of the group for attachment to the last document in the group. Preferred embodiments employ two mutually orthogonal fold lines that intersect at or outside the periphery of the fastener sheet.